

Appl. No. 10/606,108
Reply to Office Action of August 28, 2007
Amdt. Dated September 21, 2007

REMARKS

A Request for Continued Examination has been included with this response. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the finality of the last Office Action and request further consideration of the attached amended and new claims on the merits.

New claims 22 - 38 have been added in order to alternately define the invention as disclosed in the specification.

As requested by the Examiner, the Title has been amended to "MAGNETIC HEAD WITH AUXILIARY MEMBER AND HAVING LEADING MAGNETIC CORE WIDTH SMALLER THAN TRAILING MAGNETIC CORE WIDTH."

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Examiner has rejected this claim in view of the cited prior art reference of *Gibson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,191,983). The *Gibson* reference is directed to a thin film magnetic head assembly having a substrate, a thin film magnetic transducer, a superstrate, and a method of forming an insulting bonding material located in the space between the substrate and the superstrate.

Applicants submit that the *Gibson* reference fails to anticipate the currently claimed invention for at least the reason that it fails to disclose each and every limitation of the claim. Specifically, Applicants submit that the *Gibson* reference fails to disclose the use of a planar spiral coil as shown in Fig.'s 5 - 7. In contrast, *Gibson* discloses that the coil windings extend in the vertical direction (not in a single plane). See, for example, Fig.'s 1b - 1c and Col. 2, lines 38 - 60.

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Additionally, Applicants submit that the Gibson reference fails to make any disclosure regarding the shape of the front end face of the first and second magnetic cores having a substantially rectangular shape.

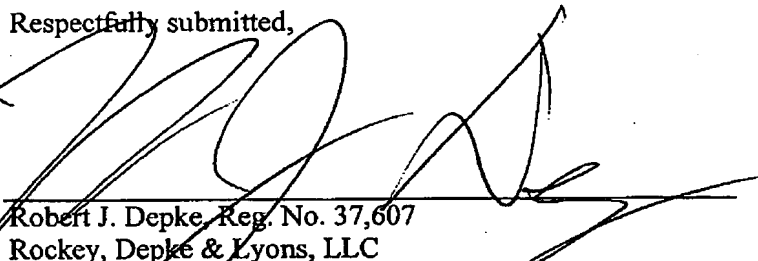
Finally, Applicants submit that the Gibson reference fails to disclose wherein a width of the second magnetic core front end face is smaller than a width of the first magnetic core front end face, as claimed and as disclosed in Fig.'s 3, 4, and 11.

The Examiner's remaining references cited but not relied upon, considered either alone or in combination, also fail to disclose, teach, or suggest applicant's currently claimed invention. In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

In the event that it is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

Respectfully submitted,

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